



## CLASS 40 MARBLEHEAD-TO- HALIFAX RACE

7 June through 12 June 2008  
*Organized by the Boston Yacht Club  
and  
Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron*



### **NOTICE OF RACE**

*Revised*

#### **1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 Notice of Race: This Notice of Race (NOR) replaces any other documents previously issued by the Marblehead-to-Halifax Ocean Race Committee (MHORC), the Boston Yacht Club (BYC) or the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron (RNSYS).
- 1.2 Course: The race will start outside Marblehead Harbor near Tinkers Rock Gong and finish in Halifax Harbor in the vicinity of the RNSYS. The course distance is approximately 360 nautical miles.
- 1.3 Texts & Language: The official language in all matters in relation to the race shall be English.
- 1.4 Time Zones: The times provided in this notice of race will be either Eastern Daylight Saving Time (EDT) or Atlantic Daylight Saving Time (ADT) as indicated.

#### **2. RACE MANAGEMENT**

- 2.1 Race Management Committee: The race will be managed by the MHORC. The MHORC will be supported during the pre-race start activities and at the start by the BYC Race Committee, and at the finish and post race activities by the RNSYS Race Committee.
- 2.2 Protest Committee: A protest committee will be appointed by the MHORC. Its membership will be published in the Sailing Instructions.

#### **3. RULES AND REGULATIONS**

- 3.1 The race will be governed by the following documents with precedence in the order listed below:
  - 3.1.1 The Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereto.
  - 3.1.2 This Notice of Race and any amendments thereto.
  - 3.1.3 2008 Class 40 rules and safety rules for Class 40 monohulls, which incorporate the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) in a modified form, as well as the rules of the Class 40, and any modifications made to those rules prior to 1 October 2007.
  - 3.1.4 The ISAF Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) for Race Category 2 Monohulls. No national authority prescriptions will apply.
  - 3.1.5 The Racing Rules of Sailing 2005 – 2008 as published by the International Sailing Federation (RRS), except as modified by 3.2 below. National prescriptions to the RRS will not apply.
  - 3.1.6 The race is classed as a "special event" in accordance with ISAF regulation 20 and, as such, Category C shall apply.
  - 3.1.7 The International Regulations for the Prevention of Collision at Sea Part B (Steering and Sailing) (IRPCAS).

- 3.2 The following RRS are modified:
- 3.2.1 Rules in Chapter 2 (When boats meet): Are applicable within 20 nm of the starting line and within 20 nm of the finish line. Outside the 20 nm limits and, between sunset and sunrise, or in bad visibility, RRS Chapter 2 rules are replaced by the IRPCAS.
  - 3.2.2 RRS 35 (Time Limit): Modified in NOR Section 11
  - 3.2.3 Weather Routing: Weather routing or any similar form of outside assistance is not permitted. A declaration regarding conformance with this rule shall be required to be signed by each Skipper, prime sponsor and shore/project manager by 1800 EDT, 7 June 2008. Failure to complete this declaration on time shall be considered withdrawal from the race.
  - 3.2.4 RRS 44 (Penalties for breaking rules of chapter 2): As modified in the Sailing Instructions.
  - 3.2.5 RRS 47.1 (Limitation of equipment): As modified in NOR Section 7.
  - 3.2.6 RRS 50.2 (Spinnaker poles and whisker poles): Shall not apply.
  - 3.2.7 RRS 51 (Moving ballast): Delete end of first sentence from "... and water..." to "...stability..." and replace with: "...and any interior ballast and fixed dead weight, other than sails, must not be moved in order to make adjustments or modify stability. Sail bags must not be watertight."
  - 3.2.8 RRS 52 (Manual Power): Modified to read "An energy source other than manual force may be used for the automatic pilot. This energy may also be used to fill and empty the water ballast system."
  - 3.2.9 RRS 54 (Forestays and headsail tacks): Shall not apply.
  - 3.2.10 RRS 61 (Protest requirements): Modified in the Sailing Instructions.
  - 3.2.11 RRS 62 (Redress): Modified in the Sailing Instructions.
  - 3.2.12 RRS 63 (Hearings): Modified in the Sailing Instructions.
  - 3.2.13 RRS 64 (Decisions): Modified in the Sailing Instructions.
  - 3.2.14 On Deck Stacking: While it is not encouraged, stacking of all moveable equipment is allowed on deck. Sail or deck bags shall be constructed to ensure the rapid drainage of water and shall provide for secure anchorage on deck. The use of guardrail stanchion bases alone shall not be permitted.
- 3.3. Only documents listed in the NOR Section 3.1, as well as notes and prescriptions written and signed by the Principal Race Officer are valid.

#### **4. SKIPPERS AND CREW**

- 4.1 The race may be sailed by two, three or four sailors, including the skipper.
- 4.2 The minimum allowable age of the skipper is 18 years no later than 8 June 2008.
- 4.3 It is the responsibility of each skipper and crew member to ensure he/she has the necessary documents to enter the USA and Canada.
- 4.4 It is the responsibility of each skipper to ensure all necessary documentation is in order allowing him/her to race in accordance with the regulations of his/her national authority.
- 4.5 The skipper and at least one additional crew member must have completed a certified medical and survival course in the past five (5) years, covering all aspects of survival at sea. This course must carry ISAF member National Authority approval.
- 4.6 Each entrant shall possess third party liability insurance to a minimum value of US\$2million (two million US dollars), which shall be valid until 30 June 2008. Written proof of this insurance, from an insurance company acceptable to the MHORC, will be provided with all entry details by 1800 EDT, 1 June 2008.

## **5. BOATS**

- 5.1 This race is open only to Class 40 monohulls as defined in Class 40 Rules 2007, and any other amendment to those rules up to 1 October 2007. Each boat shall have a valid Class 40 measurement certificate 2008 with no outstanding issues, as of 1800 EDT 7 June 2008.
- 5.2 A Safety and Compliance Check List certificate must be presented during Registration.

## **6. IDENTIFICATION**

- 6.1 Race number:
  - 6.1.1 All boats must have a distinctive Race Number visible at all times on the deck, hull and sails. The dimensions are detailed in the Class 40 prescriptions.
  - 6.1.2 The Race Number must be written on each side of the hull. The number will need to be reported to MHORC on the Entry Form. Issues with race numbers will be resolved by the Class 40 Association.
- 6.2 Markings: All boats must have surfaces covered with bright or fluorescent paint, visible at all times on the deck and hull (appendages and underwater), in accordance with class rules.
- 6.3 Nationality: During the race each boat shall fly flags and have markings visible according to each skipper's nationality as outlined in NOR Section 16.
- 6.4 MHORC reserves the right to refuse any name, which it considers to be in poor taste, shocking, abusive or in contradiction to the objectives of the race, or in contravention of US or Canadian law.

## **7. ADDITIONAL SAFETY EQUIPMENT**

- 7.1 The following safety equipment is mandatory on board throughout the duration of the race:
  - 7.1.1 A Sarsat-Copsas beacon, which should be capable of broadcasting at both 121.5 MHz and 406 MHz.
  - 7.1.2 Radar with alarm
  - 7.1.3 Mandatory life jackets shall be self inflating via a Hammer or equivalent system, be in serviceable condition and have valid and current CE certification. A flashlight with a minimum battery life of 8 hours must be attached to each jacket.
  - 7.1.4 A portable GPS in the survival canister, not for use in normal navigation, with fully charged batteries.
  - 7.1.5 A portable Iridium phone in the survival canister.
  - 7.1.6 Mini M or Iridium type satellite phone with a fixed external antenna. The external antenna must be installed in accordance with the instructions for use of the product. All non-conforming installations shall be refused.
  - 7.1.7 A 56-channel VHF radio with a minimum power rating of 25 watts.
  - 7.1.8 Each boat shall fit a Class A AIS transceiver (McMurdo M2 AIS or similar). The device must be properly configured with all boat data. This transceiver must be in use from the start of the race in Marblehead until the finish in Halifax harbor.

## **8. THE RACE**

- 8.1 Skippers' Meeting: The Skippers' Meeting will take place at the Boston Yacht Club on Saturday, 7 June 2008 at 0900 EDT. Attendance at this meeting is mandatory for all skippers. One additional crew member from each boat may also attend the meeting. Presentations will be in English.
- 8.2 Pre-race Reception: There will be a pre-race reception at the Boston Yacht Club on 7 June 2008 at 1800 EDT for all skippers and crew of the competing boats. Additional guests are welcome at the reception at \$30 per person.
- 8.3 Start: The start will be at 1300 EDT, Sunday, 8 June 2008.
- 8.4 Course: The starting line will be in the vicinity of Tinkers Rock Gong Buoy off Marblehead Harbor. Specific details of prohibited areas in the vicinity of the start and the finish will be provided at the skippers meeting and in the Sailing Instructions.

- 8.5 Finish & Awards: The finishing line will be in the vicinity of the Royal Nova Scotia Squadron in the Northwest arm of Halifax harbor. The awards ceremony is scheduled for 1800 ADT, 12 June 2008, at the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron.

## 9. ENTRY PROCEDURE

- 9.1 Registration Documentation: The following information is required from each Race Team requesting registration in the event.

- Entry Form completed in full
- Check or credit card for the full due amount
- Brief boat description
- List of the boat identification marks at sea
- Brief report on the team's sponsor and contact details
- Brief report on the team's shore team and contact details
- Acknowledgement of Risks and Responsibilities
- Copy of Survival at Sea and Medical certificates
- Final Crew List
- Safety and Inspection Compliance

The above documentation should be submitted by the Entry Deadline and with the required Entry Fee to:

The Boston Yacht Club  
Attention: C40 MHORC  
P.O. Box 485  
Marblehead MA. 01945

USA.

- 9.2 Entry Fee:

\$300.00 US funds for entries accepted before the Entry Deadline.

\$400.00 US funds for Late Entries (See 9.3 below).

Checks should be made payable to "Boston Yacht Club MHORC"

Fees may be paid by one of the following credit cards; Visa, Master Card or American Express

- 9.3. Entry Deadline: The Entry deadline is 1800 EDT, 1 June 2008. Late Entries will be considered at the discretion of MHORC

- 9.4 Check-in. All boats shall check-in at BYC on Thursday, 5 June 2008 between 1200 and 17800 EDT to complete the registration process. At this time all required documentation must be submitted and accepted by MHORC, and all fees paid. Boats that have not completed check-in and been accepted will not be scored.

- 9.5 Refunds

9.5.1 If the race is cancelled, fees will be refunded in full.

9.5.2 If the boat is not accepted as a registered entry, fees will be refunded in full.

9.5.3 In the event of withdrawal before the start of the race, entry fees less 50% will be refunded.

9.5.4 In the event of withdrawal after the start of the race, entry fees will not be refunded.

- 9.6 Qualification Voyage: The number of miles to sail for qualification will depend on the skipper and boat "experience". MHORC will determine the qualification obligation on a case-by-case basis according to the following guidelines:

9.6.1 If the boat and skipper has completed a previous Class 40 Championship race of more than 300 nautical miles, then no further qualification is required.

9.6.2 If the boat and skipper do not qualify under 9.6.1 above, then a doublehanded offshore voyage of more than 90 nautical miles, with the same crew and class of boat, is required.

**10. RACE TRACKING:**

- 10.1 Tracking of boat positions for display on the web will not be provided.
- 10.2 All boats will be required to report their position by Email to MHORC twice daily as specified in the Sailing Instructions.

**11. TIME LIMIT**

- 11.1 The time limit is at 1200 ADT, Thursday, 12 June 2008.
- 11.2 The time limit may be extended by MHORC at its discretion and any such extension will be announced in accordance with the Sailing Instructions.
- 11.3 A boat that fails to cross the finish line within the time limit will be scored DNF (changes RRS 35).

**12. RACE SCORING.**

- 12.1 Boats will be scored in order of their elapsed time over the course, including possible redress or penalty times assigned by the Protest Committee.
- 12.2 The race scores will count with weighting of 1 towards the Class 40 Championship

**13. TROPHIES.** Trophies will be awarded for the first three places.

**14. START AND FINISH OBLIGATIONS**

- 14.1 Boats will be at the disposal of MHORC by 1000 EDT, Saturday, 7 June 2008, failing which the entry may be rejected. Skippers shall ensure their boats are moored in accordance with the directions of the BYC Waterfront staff.
- 14.2 Each boat will check-in at the start by sailing by the Race Committee signal boat and announcing their sail number and intent to start.
- 14.3 Each boat will check-in with Halifax Harbor authorities in accordance with details to be provided at the Skippers Meeting

**15. NOT USED**

**16. FLAGS / BRANDING ETC**

- 16.1 During the race, boats shall display an authorized Racing Number and other symbols in accordance with RRS Appendix G.
- 16.2 In harbor, each boat shall fly a national flag according to the nationality of the skipper from the starboard shroud spreader. Flags of any size may be hoisted on the forestay with the name of the boat, the logo or the registered trademark of the sponsor.
- 16.3 Courtesy US or Canadian flags should be flown in port.

**17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY AND INSURANCE**

- 17.1 Competitors participate in this race entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. MHORC will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the race.
- 17.2 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance as prescribed in Section 4.7 above.

**18. MISCELLANEOUS**

- 18.1 The race (including this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions) shall be governed and construed in accordance with US Law.
- 18.2 Only the skipper officially registered on the entry form and his/her nominated representative(s) will be considered as the valid representative(s) in all connections with MHORC.
- 18.3 Amendments to the NOR and other information will be posted on the race website, <http://www.marbleheadtohalifax.com/Class40index.htm>
- 18.4 For further information contact gesmith1000 at Comcast.net.